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SUBJECT: KENYA REITERATES IT WILL ADHERE TO AU POSITIONS ON GUINEA  
AND MADAGASCAR

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¶1. (SBU) Paul Mdungu, the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Africa Division deputy director, reiterated April 21 that Kenya will adhere to all African Union policies on Madagascar and Guinea. Describing our requests (refs A and D) as "reasonable," Mdungu said Kenya fully understands the USG's position that Madagascar and Guinea should not be invited to the August 4-6 AGOA Forum in Nairobi. The USG demand is consistent with the AU's suspension of Guinea's and Madagascar's memberships, Mdungu continued, adding that the organization is now preoccupied with finding another site for its upcoming summit originally scheduled for Antananarivo. Kenya supports our call that constitutional rule be promptly restored and democratic elections held in both countries (ref A).

¶2. (SBU) Mdungu's comments echoed those made to Economic Counselor at the conclusion of the Government of Kenya's April 9 AGOA Forum preparatory committee meeting when Ministry of Trade Chief Economist and committee co-chair Richard Sindiga underscored to him that Kenya has no intention of inviting Guinea and Madagascar to the AGOA Forum. Similarly, Johnson Weru, head of the MFA's Economic and External Trade Division, has told econoff on several occasions that Kenya will align its views pertaining to matters involving both countries with the AU's.

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